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TO : Director of Training EYES ONLY

FROM : Chief, School of International
Communism and the USSR

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 12
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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. As a result of the deaths [] last week SIC's program with the [] trainees has had a six-day postponement, and, in addition, will be shortened by six days in order to permit OS to meet its commitments on schedule. While it was not difficult for us to rearrange the proposed curriculum by eliminating virtually all of the historical or background material (a fuller reading list will be provided for their future use in filling this gap), and by cutting down other elements of the schedule, I don't believe we can now pretend that this is the university-type training which the Desk originally expected. It had been our understanding with the Desk that we would try to combine what the students might get in one university semester with the extras which only we were in a position to provide. In effect, we will now have to concentrate upon the extras and merely guide them as to how they can best acquire the substance which has been eliminated.

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2. We continue to be more involved in the briefing business. I'm dividing this afternoon with ICD in discussion with [] who is being briefed this morning, I assume, by [] I have agreed to the same type of arrangement. [] dividing the afternoon with ICD, for [] official next Monday.

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3. [] got some forewarning from [] last Monday that [] is contemplating the development of a new course on Communism, to be given twice a year, and to be directed primarily toward attracting Foreign Service officers as students. Presumably, this is to be a more sophisticated "problems" course to supplement the survey type which he is now running.

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[] was assuming, according [] that SIC would participate rather extensively. However, we have made no commitment, and I believe we should not unless we are able to get into this thing in the planning stages and make certain that it's moving along more logically than is normally the case where Little is concerned.

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4. The requirement to cut down the amount of lecture time in our JOT program has had some additional repercussions - namely, a closer look at the way we have been covering some of these same subjects in our other courses, primarily Introduction to Communism and CPO&O.

[] has already introduced some changes into the next CPO&O schedule in the direction of further consolidation and cutting down of lecture time and expansion of problems or projects. I believe that the Introduction will also be shaken up somewhat before its next running as a result of this review.

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5. Non-Agency Presentations:

FSI - 21 March
"Theoretical Background"

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FSI - 22 March
"Political System"

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"Economic Potential"

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